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**Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment**

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated 21 January 2005, Applicant(s) submit herewith a substitute **Amendments to the Claims** section of the Amendment filed on 10 January 2005. The Revised section now includes the full text of withdrawn claim 51. It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment now complies with 37 CFR 1.121.

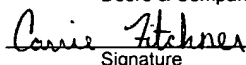
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